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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO USDEL SECRETARY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4574

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0501

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH MOZAMBIQUE-MISSIONARIES

REF: (A) MAPUTO 500 (B) STATE 104430

1. FROM OUR VANTAGE POINT, IT APPEARS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT EITHER FOREIGN MINISTER JOAQUIM CHISSANO OR FRELIMO VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS WILL ATTEND UNCTAD IV MEETING. APPEARS AT THIS STAGE THAT GPRM DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MARIO MACHUNGO. (REF A).

2. MACHUNGO IS COMPETENT, PROFESSIONAL ECONOMIST, BUT A POLITICAL LIGHTWEIGHT. HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY FRELIMO'S POLICY MAKING BODIES AND IS ONE OF GPRM'S LEAST INFLUENTIAL CABINET MEMBERS. EMBASSY DOES NOT THINK HE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO WARRENT MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY.

3. EMBASSY IS ENCOURAGED BY APVRIL 28 RELEASE OF TWO AMERICAN MISSIONARIES. HOWEVER, SINCE EMBASSY IS NOT CERTAIN WHEN THIRD MISSIONARIES WILL BE RELEASED, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER OPTION B (PARA 2B REF B) BE FOLLOWED IF SECRETARY HAS BILATERAL TALK WITH HEAD OF GVRM DELEGATION. DE PREE

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